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## UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

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Investigator: John La PortaPhone: [REDACTED]Fax: [REDACTED]Priority: Respond Within Five DaysOpinion No. 2008 66006Date: 1/24/2008Complaint Description: 01Z Billing - Other  
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Complaint By:First:

Ronald

Last:

Hutcheson

Account Name:

Ronald Hutcheson

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Utility Company:

Miscellaneous Electric

Division:

Electric

Contact Name:

Unknown

Contact Phone: (000) 000-0000Nature of Complaint:

\*\*\*CUSTOMER SENT THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMMISSION

Mark Schwartz, CEO  
Trico Electric  
[REDACTED]  
Marana, AZ 85653

Dear Mr. Schwartz,

I have been looking into solar PV for my house in Saddleflookey but the lack of net metering has stopped me from installing it. I was surprised that instead of net metering, Trico pays 2 1/2 cents per KWH for electricity put back into the grid while my electric bills say that the cost to generate power is around 8 cents per KWH. How can Trico justify charging me 8 cents when Trico is effectively claiming that electricity costs 2 1/2 cents?

I find it hard to believe that Trico has any significant supply of electricity at 2 1/2 cents- Also, the electricity put back into Trico's grid from solar PV is during the higher use daytime period which tends to have higher cost electricity. Thus, solar PV replaces the higher cost electricity, not the lower cost. In addition Trico is required to obtain 15% of its electricity from renewable energy by 2025. It will take time to ramp up to this figure so Trico should be encouraging, not discouraging solar PV. Renewable electricity tends to be the most expensive electricity (otherwise there would be no need to mandate it). I am aware that normally Trico's non-competitive costs should not be credited but net metering is a reasonable method to approximate the cost of renewable electricity.

I would also like to point out that Trico is not subsidizing the installation of Solar PV, it is the rate payers who have been paying 35 cents per month on their electric bills. Trico is really just a conduit for transferring the funds. Thus at no capital cost to Trico, solar PV currently gives Trico an extremely cheap source of 2 1/2 cents. Since you keep stating in your monthly letters that Trico's demand will continue to grow substantially and that future supply of electricity will be more expensive, that is an absurd rate to pay for solar PV. Trico should be

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paying the average cost of renewable electricity. Please change Trico's low credit of 2 V2 cents to the average cost of renewable electricity or net metering as a simple alternative.

By copy of this, I am asking the Arizona Corporate Commission to mandate net metering for all utilities as a simple and reasonable approximation of the cost of renewable electncity.

Ronald Hutcheson  
[REDACTED]

Tucson, AZ 85739  
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\*End of Complaint\*

### Utilities' Response:

N/A

\*End of Response\*

### Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

01/24/07-Customer comments noted for the record and a copy was placed in docket (RE-00000A-07-0608), Rulemaking on Net Metering. CLOSED.

\*End of Comments\*

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